

ARCHBISHOP DUHAMEL.

When on Tuesday evening, the 22nd of June last, the Rev. Father Prevost, President of the Ottawa College, made an announcement during the commencement exercises of that institution that His Lordship the Right Rev. Joseph Thomas Duhamel, its worthy second Bishop, had been made first Archbishop of the newly created Metropolitan See of Ottawa, round after round of applause greeted the announcement, proving that the honor done His Grace was justly appreciated by the people of the Dominion metropolis. We had ourselves, before that public announcement of the elevation of Bishop Duhamel, been privileged by private and personal communication of the fact from His Grace, and, like all who know him, felt that rare merit and distinguished services had in this action of the Holy See been fittingly acknowledged and rewarded. Archbishop Duhamel, though born at Contrecoeur, in the Province of Quebec, may justly be looked on as a child of Ottawa, for not long after his birth, which took place in November, 1841, his father, a respectable farmer, removed to Ottawa, where he resided till his death, a few years ago. Soon after the foundation of the College of Ottawa, young Duhamel entered that institution, where, as our contemporary, the Ottawa Free Press puts it, "he received a thorough classical education, and was noted for talents of no ordinary kind. On the completion of his studies, he immediately decided to consecrate his life entirely to God, and accordingly entered the Ottawa seminary, where, in prosecuting his theological studies, he evinced wonderful powers of mind. He was ordained priest in 1863, and was appointed to the vicarage of Buckingham, county of Ottawa, in which capacity he continued to manifest the possession of Evangelical virtues, as well as rare administrative qualities."

"At that time the parish of St. Eugene was one of the poorest in the diocese, consequently the young priest found hard work constantly necessary, especially as he had the difficult task before him of completing a church which was left unfinished by his predecessor. He found many obstacles to surmount, but by dint of persistent and energetic endeavors and the exercise of his great abilities, he succeeded, and completed one of the finest churches in the diocese."

As pastor of St. Eugene the young priest proved himself an ardent and untiring friend of education. His task in this respect, as those who know that district testify, was not of the easiest character. At the time of the Eccumenical Council Father Duhamel accompanied Bishop Guigues to Rome, but receiving word of the serious illness of his mother, to whom he was tenderly attached, was forced to leave the Eternal City about a fortnight after his arrival there. When he reached home, his mother had been dead several days. "Bishop Guigues," says the Free Press, "continued to honor the Rev. Father Duhamel, and in many ways gave him unmistakable marks of his confidence in his virtues and intelligence. In the month of October, 1873, he accompanied Bishop Guigues, as theologian, to the reunion of bishops at Quebec, where his remarkable talents and acquisitions were generally acknowledged."

Archbishop Duhamel is of middle stature, slightly dark complexioned, with black penetrating eyes, and animated features, with lofty forehead, denoting the thinker and philosopher.

He is affable and generous, but, when necessary, circumspect, full of tact and energy. Determination and perseverance are his characteristics, and once he undertakes anything it must go through without fail.

He speaks with ease and fluency, and while his sermons denote deep thought they are not wanting in graceful form and style. His store of knowledge is of the purest and most substantial kind. He speaks the French and English languages with equal facility, an important qualification, it will be admitted. On his elevation to the episcopal chair His Grace Duhamel was only in his thirty-third year, consequently even at that time he must have possessed a searching knowledge of theology and other generally remarkable qualifications. The property and progress of the diocese under his supervision since that time has amply testified as to the nature of his abilities.

On the Sunday previous to his consecration, which took place on Wednesday, 28th October, 1874, the bishop paid a farewell visit to his old friends at St. Eugene and once more occupied his old pulpit in the church there. On Tuesday morning the bishop, accompanied by a large number of clergymen, left by way of Prescott Junction for Ottawa. On his arrival at the junction His Grace was seen to be accompanied by Bishops Tacheeran and La Fleche, and by the Hon. Mr. Gifford as well as a large number of clergy. After a short stay the party proceeded to Ottawa, where they arrived about half past four in the afternoon. An immense crowd awaited the arrival of the young bishop, as soon as the train drew up bands of music struck up, and loud cheers rent the air. His Grace was escorted to a carriage in waiting, and was seated along with the accompanying bishops. The clergymen also took carriages, and with bands playing the immense procession moved up Dalhousie street. About 5:30 o'clock the procession reached the Basilica and His Lordship was conducted to a seat in front of the sanctuary. An address of welcome was then read by the Hon. R. W. Scott, to which the new bishop returned a suit-

able reply. Among the high dignitaries of the church present were Archbishops Lynch and Tacheeran, and Bishops Wadhams, La Fleche, Langevin and Fabre. There were also present Hon. Messrs. Scott and Letellier de St. Just.

Mgr. Duhamel has now ruled over the diocese of Ottawa for nearly twelve years, and during that time, under his careful and judicious but energetic administration, religion has made in the valley of the Ottawa gigantic strides. More than forty new parishes have in that time been erected in that portion of the Lord's vineyard committed to his care. And four years ago the Holy See felt, in the interests of religious progress, constrained to divide his diocese by the erection of the Vicariate of Pontiac, embracing all the vast territories included in, and immediately adjacent to the North and West, to the counties of Renfrew and Pontiac. Under his administration religious institutions have been founded, churches built, schools established and every work of beneficence and charity extended or multiplied to a degree and extent almost without parallel even in America. The diocese of Ottawa, governed with moderation, firmness and foresight, is now one of the model dioceses of the Dominion of Canada, and bids fair even when, as its population increases, it must be divided, to prove one of the most powerful strongholds of the faith in the new world. The new Archbishop is an indefatigable worker. His heart is of a truth in his apostolic mission. More than five times has he made pastoral visitation of his vast diocese and in every visitation he has, as the writer can well testify, spared no effort to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the needs of its every section and its every group of population. In the pulpit he is earnest, logical and convincing, carrying his audience, whether composed of the learned or the unlettered, irresistibly with him. The new Archbishop is a devoted friend and advocate of Catholic education, but while a man of pronounced views in this and other regards, never makes an enemy. Among all classes of his people he is popular, because of his affability, his piety, his straightforwardness and apostolic zeal. His elevation is, as we have said, the just reward of merit. We, therefore, wish His Grace many long years of undivided prosperity and of continued success, and the diocese of Ottawa the blessings of prolonged progress under his episcopal guidance.

THE LATE MOTHER HARDY.

The late Rev. Mother Aloysia Hardy, assistant general of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart, whose recent death in Paris, France, has caused such general sorrow in the old and new world, was an American lady, of a southern family, distinguished alike by its wealth and high social position. Born in 1809, she was closely allied by blood to the Spaldings, one of the old Catholic families of Maryland, the same from which the late Archbishop Spalding came. Educated in St. Michael's Parish, New Orleans, she took the veil at the early age of fifteen years, to devote herself to the education of youth. She first entered St. Michael's Convent, New Orleans, where her rare accomplishments attracted general notice. Her personal charms were such that a biographer writes of Mother Hardy in these terms: "Her beauty was beyond compare, being of the highest southern type. As a society woman she would have created a sensation." It was not, however, by her physical beauty, or as a society woman, that this gifted lady desired to shine. Her glory and pleasure she sought in the service of God as one of His true and faithful virgins. Her sacred duties she entered on from the very beginning with an energy and enlightenment that surprised her seniors. Of children she was passionately fond, and they assuredly reciprocated her singular affection. Rising rapidly by force of merit in the estimation of her superiors, she was, while still very young, named superior of St. Michael's Convent. Later on she became superior of the Congregation in New York city, and in that capacity purchased the old Lorillard estate on the Hudson, where now stands the Convent of the Sacred Heart. "The late Cardinal McCloskey was," says the sketch from which we have already cited, "a particular friend of hers, and old Archbishop Hughes loved her as his own daughter. At various times she taught in Albany, Philadelphia, Rochester, Detroit, Cincinnati, Providence and Boston, and finally she was made a vicar over all these institutions, including the two convents in New York. In 1872 she was called, by the general of the order, to France, and appointed assistant general, in which capacity she had the general supervision of all convents in America. This comprised the United States, Canada, and South America. Mother Hardy's official residence has since been in Paris. She visited this country in 1874, and again in 1877 and 1882, and on each occasion she visited all the convents under her charge."

Mother Hardy has left in this world a precious heritage, not alone to the congregation of which she was an ornament and a glory, but to all Christian womanhood.

Her's was in truth a fortitude that knew no limit, a confidence in God that acknowledged no measure. Pious, God-fearing, self-sacrificing, her every thought and her every aspiration, and her every energy, was given to the service of her Divine Master. For the talents He gave her, she now returns ten-fold profit, and therefore peacefully enters into the joys of her Lord.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE HAD the favor and pleasure on Monday last of a visit from J. C. Patterson, Esq., the respected and popular M. P. for the North Riding of Essex.

A VERY successful strawberry party was given on Friday last by the Catholic ladies of Sarnia. The proceeds are to be devoted to the organization of the Bazaar which is to take place some time next autumn, and promise to materially assist Father Bayard in his good work of removing the parochial debt.

MR. W. J. MACDONELL, of Toronto, writes us under date of June 22nd, that he is not grand president of the Particular Council of the Society of St. Vincent of Paul, Toronto, as stated in one of our former issues, but simply president. We borrowed the title from an American contemporary, but gladly make the correction desired.

THE St. Jean Baptiste celebrations throughout the country were as usual of a thoroughly religious and patriotic character. Our French fellow citizens in the observance of this national anniversary always enjoy themselves thoroughly without in any way interfering with their neighbors. St. Jean Baptiste day is, we are glad to perceive, becoming every year more and more Catholic in the character of its solemnization.

AT the closing exercises of the scholastic year at the Convent of Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur, Rideau street, Ottawa, in charge of the Grey Nuns—Sister Theresa of Jesus, Superior—the Hon. R. W. Scott, Q. C., paid an eloquent tribute to the services and labors of those good ladies in the cause of education, religion and charity. We may say of this school that its classes were last year not only well attended but closely followed, and that the results are extremely gratifying to parents, to pupils and to preceptors.

FROM reports published by our contemporary the North-West Review we gather that the cause of Catholic education in the archdiocese of St. Boniface is being promoted with vigor and success. At St. Mary's Academy, Winnipeg, His Grace the Archbishop presided at the distribution of premiums and addressed the pupils and parents present in his happy way. At St. Boniface Academy (Grey Nuns), His Grace the Archbishop was also present, and was surrounded on either side by the Rev. Fathers Lory, Drummond, Dugast, Ouellette, Cahill, French, and others, as well as Hon. Mr. La Riviere, Hon. J. Roy, Mr. T. A. Bernier, Senator Girard, Judge Dubuc, etc. The programme was one of exceptional excellence, and the different pieces were executed in a very accurate and efficient manner. At St. Boniface College the Archbishop delivered, we learn, a brief address. He expressed his gratitude for the delightful treat of the evening and also for the admirable work done by the Jesuit Fathers in the past year. He believed this gratifying progress would continue and increase and that St. Boniface College would become more and more capable of giving to the growing youth of the country an education of the highest intellectual order.

JUSTIN MCCARTHY'S LETTER.

LONDON, June 26.—Following is Justin McCarthy's weekly review of the political situation:

Great has been the competition for catchwords. In an election, as in law, one great thing is to have good taking catchwords, to be repeated at intervals, not for use all through the performance. The Tories fancied they had got hold of a very telling catchword when they called themselves and their allies "Unionists," and their opponents "Separationists." Mr. Gladstone turns the first nickname to good account by calling them "Paper Unionists." Another Irish member satirizes them as "Blotting Paper Unionists."

As to the title of "Separationists," Gladstone triumphantly asks, who were the "separationists" last summer and autumn, after Lord Carnarvon had said that he was willing to go as far in the way of Home Rule as Parnell himself could desire?

CARNARVON MUST HAVE DONE IT. Carnarvon must, Mr. Gladstone says, have told Lord Salisbury, then Prime Minister, all he said to Parnell and all Parnell said to him, and no doubt Carnarvon did tell it. For myself I may say I am quite satisfied he did. And yet Salisbury allowed Carnarvon to remain a member of the Cabinet and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland months and months after Carnarvon had acknowledged himself to be what the Tories would now call—an every day calling—a separatist disintegrator, disruptionist.

RUBBING IT IN.

Gladstone keeps pressing this on the Tories, rubbing it in day after day, insisting that he will have an answer on two points:—First, what did Carnarvon say to Parnell? Next, what did Carnarvon tell Lord Salisbury about his interview

with Parnell? We have had already some rather astonishing evasions on this subject, but so far there has been no direct answer to either of Gladstone's questions. The reason is plain. Salisbury knew all about the interview, and at one time hoped to be in a position to introduce some sort of a Home Rule scheme. But finding the condition of things altered, he got morbidly anxious to back out of the whole affair.

BETTER BE CAUTIOUS. Very likely we shall hear some curious evasions still, but there will not be, I should think, any very direct denial. After all, it is necessary for the Tories to be a little cautious and discriminating in their denials. There may be some documentary evidence—who shall say? It is not for me to say, certainly; but how if some letters did pass, and are still in existence?

THE COMING ELECTIONS. I shall not venture on a forecast of the results of the coming elections. Gladstonians and their opponents have one characteristic in common just now. In public both are alike full of confidence; in private both are alike full of doubt. In truth, the situation is very difficult to see one's way through. Lines of cleavage show themselves suddenly and in unexpected places. The question of Church disestablishment comes up in Scotland to add a new perplexity to our efforts to forecast the probable vote.

THE CHURCH DIFFICULTY. In the minds of many Scotchmen, Gladstonian principles on any subject seem to be meant to include the disestablishment of the Church in that country, and there can be little doubt that some votes will be endangered by that feeling. On the other hand, the influence of the Grand Old Man is almost magical in Scotland and throughout the North of England.

ANTAGONISM OF LONDON. London—of course I mean the London society, as it is called—and the journals that represent it are wholly set against Gladstone and Home Rule. Only one London morning paper, *The Daily News*, stands up still for Gladstone and his policy.

But what does this matter? It was exactly the same thing in 1880, just before Gladstone came in at the head of a triumphant majority. Then all London, press and nearly all the London press, denounced Gladstone. The daily and weekly papers of the metropolis, with the fewest exceptions, reviled him. He might well have said with King Lear—"The dogs and all, Tray, Blanch and Sweetheart, see how they bow me!" Yet the barking chorus yelped in vain. Gladstone swept the country. If he is not destined to do the same thing this time, the event is certainly not to be anticipated because of any augury to be drawn from the tone of London journalism.

IRISH WORKERS. The Irish members are throwing all their energies into the cause of Gladstone. Not a day passes but some conspicuous Irish member addresses an English meeting in favour of some English supporter of Gladstone. Parnell himself, Sexton, T. P. O'Connor, James O'Kelly, the Redmonds, and your correspondent among the rest, have taken to the stump in London and the provinces. We are popular now, "*Quod minime veris*," as Anclides, I think, says in *Virgil*.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY, WINDSOR.

THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. On Wednesday afternoon, the 23rd inst., we had great pleasure to assist at the annual commencement exercises of St. Mary's Academy, Windsor. The weather was all that could be desired, warm and sunny. St. Alphonsus Hall, where the entertainment was given, was handsomely decorated with crimson and gold curtains, and scenic views, on the stage four pianos, a harmonium and harp occupied positions. The main portion of the hall was filled by a large audience, the parents and friends of the pupils, and the invited guests of the Academy. The number of visiting clergy that honored the Distribution by being present was greater than on any previous similar occasion.

Although St. Mary's Academy is favorably known throughout Western Ontario, as well as in the neighboring State of Michigan, many of whose most gifted daughters remember and refer to its conventual halls and shady walks as their loved and revered Alma Mater. As a pupil of the same community we cannot refrain from referring to the wonderful success of this educational institution, founded and directed by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. It is now nearly twenty-two years ago since the first establishment of a house of the order in Windsor. At that time, 1864, a small brick tenement house on Gay street, crossed with ample room, to accommodate the three choir nuns, one lay nun, two boarders and six day-scholars, the teachers and pupils of the institution. In 1885-6 the change is marvellous. The members of the community in Windsor are twenty-five Sisters, with eighty-five boarders and thirty-five day pupils. The convent is an immense building handsomely finished with all the modern conveniences, and can accommodate one hundred and twenty inmates. It occupies a position adjoining St. Alphonsus church property, and stands in its own grounds of about five acres, beautifully embellished with flowers, terraced lawn, shrubs and trees arranged under the direction of a landscape gardener.

The entertainment opened with "Quo Concertant," Grand Overture, sixteen hands, played on the entrance of His Lordship Bishop Walsh, who presided, assisted by Bishop Burgess of Detroit, and venerable Monsignor J. M. Bruyere, V. G. of London. There were also present Very Rev. Dean Wagner, Windsor; Rev. Denis O'Connor, President of Assumption College, Sandwich; Father Cushing, C. S. B., Father McBrady, C. S. B., Father Ferguson, C. S. B., Father Donahue, C. S. B., Father Ryan, C. S. B., of Amherstburg; Father Girard, Belle River; Father Wawar, of Trudell; Father Dempsey, of Detroit; Father O'Connor of Madison; Father Lorton of Racine; Father Villeneuve of Painscourt; Father Cummings of Woodlee; Father Goldrick of Detroit; Father Hodgkinson of Raleigh; Father Gangezer of Detroit; Father Dunphy of

London; Father Scanlon of Windsor, and Father McManus of Windsor.

An Operetta—"The lost child" followed, then a rich musical treat was given, a quartette—"Heaven's Messenger;" Harp, Miss A. Ouellette; harmonium, Miss Louise Williams; piano, Miss Minnie Louie Williams; guitar, Miss L. McBrady, K. Ralph. Then the vocal duet "Flowers of Springtime," Miss E. Madden and M. Verdun accompanied by Miss Alma Ouellette. Then a piano solo "Caprice de Concert," Miss L. Williams; followed by conferring of gold medals.

The gold medal for Christian doctrine presented by His Lordship Right Rev. John Walsh, Bishop of London, awarded to Miss Kittie Ralph. Graduating medals awarded to Miss Mary Bosworth, Miss Kittie Ralph and Miss Gertrude Pennell. Gold medal for proficiency in Instrumental Music awarded to Miss L. Williams. Gold medal for domestic economy, presented by Very Rev. Dean Wagner, awarded to Miss Gertrude Pennell. Gold medal for general history, presented by Rev. L. Dunphy, awarded to Miss Gertrude Pennell.

Silver medal, for general application, awarded to Miss Lucy McBrady; Silver medal, for instrumental music, awarded to Miss Constance Leslie; silver medal for Catechism of Perseverance, awarded to Miss Louise Williams; silver medal, for proficiency in French, awarded to Miss Zoe Bondy; silver medal for French conversation, awarded to Miss Annie Williams; silver medal, for domestic economy, in the junior department, to Miss Emilie Parent.

The other numbers on the programme followed and were rendered in a manner creditable alike to pupils and to those who trained them; they were "Piano solo," "Harp Obligo," "Javanella chorus," "Trio Polonaise," twenty-four hands "vocal quartette," and "Dialogue Francais."

The Blue Ribbons of merit were awarded to, 1st, Miss Zoe Bondy; 2nd, Elmore Tibbodeau; 3rd, Miss Jeanne Bergin; 4th, Miss Edith Fox; 5th, Miss Lizzie Birchill; 6th, Miss Lottie Emery; 7th, Miss Alma Ouellette. The aspirants to the Ribbons of Honor: 1st Ribbon awarded to Miss Emmeline Parent, 2nd to Miss Madge Osborne, 3rd, Miss Annie Williams; 4th, Miss Dora Boyd; 5th, Miss Lucie Bourque; 6th, Miss Augustine Easement; 7th, Miss Stella Melorche. Juvenile Course, 1st Ribbon, awarded to Miss Emma Rousseau; 2nd, Miss Clara Bader; 3rd, Miss Mildred Langlois; 4th, Miss Maria Pageau; 5th, Miss Angelique Reaume; 6th, Miss Reine Neveu; Ribbons of Encouragement awarded to Mable Smith, Nellie Burke, Laurencia Reaume and Mildred Cook. Prizes of class were numerous and expensive.

The valedictory was an original poem delivered by Miss Kittie Ralph.

His Lordship Bishop Walsh in his usual felicitous way complimented the young ladies on their proficiency, giving evidence of industry and talent, reflecting credit on Mother Superior and the Sisters, and rewarding with gratifying results the care and attention of parents and guardians. He closed his remarks by hoping that with the exception of the graduates, all the pupils present would return to complete their education under the fostering care of St. Mary's Academy.

All closed with "Fare Away, Fair Boat," was given, and the pleased audience passed quietly away, to think for many days of the Twenty First Annual Commencement Exercises.

Windsor, June 24th, 1886.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

LETTER FROM BRANTFORD.

On Sunday last first communion was received by about fifty children of this parish, at early mass. About thirty of the recipients were boys, and the fact of their being so many more boys than girls was noted by many with pleasure. The boys were all neatly dressed and wore white badges on their arms, and the girls were in white with wreaths and veils. All the children presented a most orderly and edifying appearance. After Mass Father Lennon directed a few words of earnest advice to the children, reminding them of the great blessing conferred on them and admonishing them to preserve their purity of heart and remain in harmony with the great grace they had just received. After vespers in the evening all those who had received first communion were enrolled in the scallop.

Many were pleased to hear the announcement on Sunday that Rev. Father Feehan, who preached most of the evening sermons during the late mission, would return and deliver a lecture on Sunday evening next on temperance. The usual lecture on St. Patrick's Day for the benefit of the schools was not delivered this year, and as there was need to make up quite a sum to supplement the available revenue of the school this lecture is to be for that purpose. In connection with the lecture a programme of sacred music will be rendered, and all who attend will doubtless be well pleased with what they hear.

The number of marriages recently celebrated speaks well for the enterprise of our young people. Mr. Robert Smith and Miss Katie Shanahan were married on the 31st of May. On Tuesday, June 8th, Mr. John Cheevers and Miss Kate McCormick were united in matrimony. On Monday morning of last week Mr. Jeremiah Dunn and Miss Ella Kew were the happy couple who received the congratulations of friends after getting the blessing of the Church. All of these young folks have settled down to make their homes in Brantford with stout hearts and good prospects, and the earnest wishes of many friends for their future welfare.

Nor has death been idle amongst us. Mrs. Byron, widow of the late Jeremiah Byron, Brantford township, was buried on the morning of May 2nd. Mrs. Cahill, mother of Mr. P. Cahill and Mrs. P. Grant, was laid to rest next morning. Mrs. Reive, Patrick O'Grady, Mrs. Doyle and Miss Annie McQuillon have since passed away. The two last named were sisters and died within a few days of each other. Mrs. Doyle on the 9th of June and Miss McQuillon on the 19th. In November, 1883, two other sisters, members of the same family, died within a few hours of each other and were buried together. The surviving friends have the deep sympathy of the community.

FROM ST. THOMAS, ONT.

MISS HUGHSON'S ANNUAL CONCERT SUCCESSFUL.

EVERY PARTICULAR.

Last night the Opera House was literally "packed," every available inch of room being taken, the occasion being the annual concert given under the direction of Miss Hughson. For several years past this young lady has once in the twelve months given the people of St. Thomas a most original and delightful entertainment, and by common consent the one furnished last night is voted by far the best of the series. A few moments after 8 o'clock, the chairman, Dr. D. McFarly, in a few well-chosen remarks, introduced the programme by calling on the harmonica band, which gave a splendid selection, followed by others equally good during the evening. Of course the greatest attraction of the entertainment was to be the performance of the children, who have been under Miss Hughson's training for some time, and those who expected something original, surprising and pleasing, were not disappointed, and the way in which all of the girls and boys took their parts showed how untiring Miss Hughson must have been in her efforts to bring about such perfection. "The lullaby," by eighteen pretty little girls, four years of age upwards, was much appreciated by the audience, and the expression of several of the ladies was: "Did you ever see anything so cute?" The May pole dance, which has been so much talked, was in itself a treat, and the free and easy manner in which the eighteen little ones went through their parts, which were both intricate and numerous, showed plainly the pains that must have been taken by their teacher, and the dance will not soon be forgotten by those who saw it. When the members of the Line Kilt Club made their appearance they fairly stormed the house, and kept the audience in roars of laughter with their gestures, comic songs, and local hits. Another very pleasant feature was the Highland fling by Master Darcy and Aggie O'Neil of Woodstock, also the sailor's hornpipe by Master Darcy O'Neil, Mrs. J. B. Morford, to whom Miss Hughson was indebted for many acts of kindness in connection with the concert, made her first appearance before the public of St. Thomas, and recited "Dora" in such a manner as to show plainly it was not her first attempt at reciting, and that she is an eloquentist of talent. Both Mrs. Morford and Miss Corey were the recipients of bouquets. Mr. Hardie, of the Von Leer dramatic company, rendered the song "Let me Dream Again" in such a manner as to receive an encore, when he recited a selection of his own composition. Miss Corey, of Petrolia, is fast becoming a favorite in St. Thomas as an eloquentist, and rendered the "Kentucky bells," in a very expressive manner. Miss Fraue recited "A naughty little girl's view of life," in a very efficient manner, and added another laurel to her already well established fame as an eloquentist. Songs by Misses McEachern, McNulty, and Mr. Reynolds, all went to show what excellent musical talent St. Thomas possesses. The reappearance of Mrs. J. M. Courtwright, (nee Miss Saleno) was warmly welcomed, and she received quite an ovation last night. The evening's performance was brought to a close by the Hardie-Von Leer Company performing the fourth act of "Camille" in a manner fully equal to their previous presentations of the play. A vote of thanks was proposed by Ald. McCall to Miss Hughson for the very efficient manner in which she had managed the concert which was carried unanimously.

The little girls who took part in the May Pole Dance were:—Mary Rivard, Fannie Seaton, Fannie Weston, Nina Coleman, Addie Reynolds, Emma Ellison, Dell Jennings, Carrie Morris, Della O'Malley, Rosa Butler, Annie McCallum, Mary McCormack, Emma Dale, Susie Wade, Jennie Bladen.

Those who took part in the Lullaby were: Irene Jordan, Sylvia Warren, Myrtle Bannerman, Ella Savignay, Little Madeline Chalmers, Elsie Grant, Elsie Parker, Sadie Oatman, Allie Chalmers, Jennie Fry, Allie Fry, Mable Crowley, Addie Dennis, Nellie Howell, Daisy Ellison, Nellie McCaffrey. The Line Kilt club was composed of Charlie Butler (the original gardener), Basil Redmond, Roy O'Grady, Ed. Zaslund, Herb Payne, Harry Deyell, Frank McShane, Jim Smith, Johnnie Crowley, Willie Barry, Claude McCready, Art Wilbur, Archie Duke, Theo. Zealand, Foster Wallace, Charlie McCready, little Fred Chalmers.

THE CARDINALATE.

The following letter has been handed us for publication:—

Palace of the Cardinal,

21 June, 1886.

Felix Carbury, Esq., M. P., President of the Irish Land League, London.

MR. PRESIDENT, The different sections of your society, and others connected with St. Patrick's Church, have been very kind in assisting in large numbers, accompanied by their beautiful flags, at the grand demonstration which took place yesterday, for the presentation of the citizens' address to His Eminence. Their presence has added very much to the eclat of the demonstration, which was really magnificent, and in the name of His Eminence I beg you to make known to all the gentlemen who so kindly took part in the very great pleasure they have given him, and begs of you also to communicate to them His Eminence's warmest thanks.

I remain, very cordially,
Your humble and devoted servant,
C. A. MAHOIS, Priest,
Secretary to His Eminence.

A WORTHY OFFICIAL.—In the last number of the *Farmer's Advocate*, the leading agricultural paper of the Dominion, there appears a very complimentary and well deserved reference to Mr. P. F. Woods, the farm manager of the Ontario Model Farm. This gentleman must thoroughly understand his business, and be a most deserving official. If he were otherwise, Mr. Weld, the editor of the *Advocate*, would say so very plainly.

The men who depend on a death-bed repentance is he who waits till his sins find him before he gives up his sinful ways. When no longer able to commit sin to the same extent, it is a sorry time to turn to God and expect pardon. But that is what the careless Catholic does.